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Expressing the deep disappointment of the Senate with respect to the election of Iran to a leadership position in the United Nations Disarmament Commission and requesting the President to withhold funding to the United Nations unless credible reforms are made.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COLEMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the deep disappointment of the Senate with respect to the election of Iran to a leadership position in the United Nations Disarmament Commission and requesting the President to withhold funding to the United Nations unless credible reforms are made.

Whereas the United Nations has continuously failed to meet minimal reform expectations, including those outlined in the September Summit Outcome Document;

Whereas the United Nations has allowed member states acting in defiance of their obligations to the United Nations to enjoy full participatory rights and leadership positions in all bodies of the United Nations;

Whereas the mandate of the charter of the United Nations that protects international peace and security is significantly hindered by the placement of pariah states in leadership positions within various commissions;

Whereas the credibility of the United Nations has been further crippled by the fact that Iran was elected to serve as the vice chair of the Asia regional group of the United Nations Disarmament Commission;

Whereas Iran has committed many acts of malfeasance with respect to its nuclear program that makes it an unacceptable candidate for the United Nations Disarmament Commission, including—

- (1) developing a clandestine nuclear program for 18 years prior to 2003;
- (2) repeatedly deceiving the International Atomic Energy Agency about a variety of nuclear-related activities;
- (3) failing to provide inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency with access to various nuclear sites;
- (4) refusing to answer questions related to its nuclear program;
- (5) reneging on its commitments under the Paris Accords of November 2004, which included the suspension of uranium enrichment activities; and
- (6) announcing its success in achieving uranium enrichment capabilities, which represented a brazen affront to the international community;

Whereas other actions and rhetoric by Iran have perpetuated its record of terror and tyranny, and warranted its isolation from the international community at the United Nations, including—

(1) continuing its calls for the annihilation of Israel, which is a member state of the United Nations;

(2) actively sponsoring terrorism through groups including Hezbollah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad, which prompted the Department of State to classify Iran as the “most active state sponsor of terrorism in 2004”; and

(3) continuing its efforts to destabilize neighboring countries by meddling in the affairs of those countries, including Iraq, Israel, and Lebanon; and

Whereas, while Iran continues to enjoy full participatory rights and privileges as a member state of the United Nations, the overall conduct of Iran is a direct threat to world security and violates numerous fundamental principles on which the United Nations is based: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its deep disappointment with re-
3 spect to the failure of the Asia group members of
4 the United Nations Disarmament Commission to
5 stop the election of Iran as the vice chair of that
6 body;

7 (2) asserts that the United Nations Disar-
8 mament Commission has no credibility on disar-
9 mament issues due to the participation of Iran, par-
10 ticularly in light of the defiance of Iran in dis-
11 regarding resolutions passed by the International
12 Atomic Energy Agency and the Security Council

1 Presidential Statement relating to its nuclear pro-
2 gram;

3 (3) calls on the United States to reject all reso-
4 lutions passed by the discredited United Nations
5 Disarmament Commission;

6 (4) condemns the continued intransigence of
7 Iran with respect to its—

8 (A) nuclear program;

9 (B) treatment of Israel; and

10 (C) sponsorship of terror;

11 (5) shall work to ensure that funding from the
12 United States is withheld from—

13 (A) the regular budget of the United Na-
14 tions in the amount that is directed towards the
15 activities of the United Nations Disarmament
16 Commission; and

17 (B) any commission of the United Nations
18 in which the worst violators of the principles it
19 claims to promote are included in its member-
20 ship, including the new Human Rights Council;

21 (6) calls on the United Nations to deny Iran
22 from participating in any commission of the United
23 Nations until it—

1 (A) complies with its obligations under the
2 Non-Proliferation Treaty and International
3 Atomic Energy Agency resolutions;

4 (B) halts—

5 (i) all uranium enrichment activities;

6 and

7 (ii) all calls for the destruction of
8 Israel; and

9 (C) withdraws support from terrorist
10 groups; and

11 (7) calls on the President to—

12 (A) closely monitor the progress of the
13 United Nations on reform; and

14 (B) exercise the option of the President to
15 withhold funding unless credible reforms are
16 made prior to discussions on the biannual budg-
17 et.

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